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Silver award marks milestone in journey to net zero



Image: Norwich Science Festival 2025, c. Beth Moseley

The Forum has been awarded [silver Carbon Charter status](#), in recognition of our work to reduce emissions — another step in our journey towards net zero.

Developing an effective response to climate change is one of The Forum's priorities, and we work with tenants, visitors and partners to reduce the impact of running a landmark building.

Examples of our carbon reduction initiatives

- We're 95% of the way through a £110,000 project of investment to upgrade our lighting to LED. In our car park, alone, moving to a smart LED lighting system has reduced our energy consumption by 80%.
- We work with local companies, wherever possible, to reduce shipping, as well as to support our local economy — another of our key strategic priorities.

- Our water refill station has been used more than 122,000 times, encouraging reusable bottles over single-use plastic.
- We're custodians to 107 trees — and 'landlords' of a number of bird boxes we've installed, providing a small green lung in the city centre.
- Our terms and conditions for partners and hirers includes not offering single use plastics.
- We promote climate-friendly behaviour through our own events, like [Norwich Science Festival](#).

Rob Watton, Head of Estates and Commercial at The Forum (**picture supplied**) says:

"We're proud to have been awarded Silver Accreditation by the Carbon Charter Panel in recognition of our efforts to reduce carbon emissions.

As a not-for-profit organisation, we know that choosing sustainable and local materials, measures, and services isn't always the cheapest option — but it's the right one.

We remain committed to finding new ways to lessen our environmental impact and invest in our building. Creating a healthier, more sustainable space for our community and future generations.

A huge thank you to our contractors, service providers, staff, and visitors for joining us on this journey to net zero. There's still a long way to go, but we're determined to meet the challenge."

Visit the [sustainability page of our website](#) to find out more about our carbon reduction activity to date and initiatives in the pipeline.

Images

Visit our [GoogleDrive](#) for images for use. Higher resolution versions can be supplied on request.

For more information

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About The Forum:

- The Forum is an iconic landmark in Norwich city centre.
- It's a cultural hub for the city and county, providing fantastic free events year-round.
- It's a public building, open seven days a week, throughout the year (except Christmas Day).
- Everyone is welcome. Most of the public events, exhibitions and activities which take place at The Forum are free. Anyone can [hire a space](#) at The Forum to run their own event, and we offer a special discounted rate for [charities and not-for-profits](#).
- The Forum presents and coordinates Norwich Science Festival, Norwich Book Festival, Norwich Games Festival and Norfolk Heritage Open Days.
- The Forum is an independent charity, managed by The Forum Trust. The Forum receives no regular funding, and is self-financing, including through our car park, venue hire and tenants, with income used to put on our free programme of events and festivals, and reinvested in protecting the building for generations to come.